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Dear Commissioners,

We strongly urge you to allow more time for public debate and comment before voting on the "media ownership proposal", currently scheduled for June 2, 2003.

Commissioner Michael J. Copps has indicated that he has some serious misgivings about the method and manner in which this proposal is being handled. Fortunately for the people of this country, he took the time to increase public awareness about these issues. We agree with his concerns, many of which were outlined on the PBS program "NOW" with Bill Moyers and at the University of Southern California Media Consolidation Forum.

Information flow controlled by fewer and fewer broadcasting conglomerates has the potential to make the "bottom line" take precedence over the unbiased flow of incisive reporting. How can the public make informed decisions on major issues in their lives if they suspect that certain facts have been modified in some manner to support the corporate interests?

Please ensure that the public "the real owner's" of the airways- are heard on this issue and are privy to the actual formal proposal that will be voted on.

Yours truly,
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